CLAIMS

1. (Original): A compound of the general formula:

wherein

R₁ is H or C1 to C3 alkyl;

 R_2 is aryl or $-(CH_2)_n$ - aryl and n is 1 to 4;

R₃ is H or CH₃; and

R₄ is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, pyridyl, thiophene, furan, indole, pyrrole, thiazole or imidazole.

2. (Original): A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein

R₁ is H, methyl or ethyl;

R₂ is phenyl, benzyl, -(CH₂)₂-phenyl, -(CH₂)₃-phenyl or 2-thiobenzothiazole;

R₃ is H; and

R₄ is phenyl.

- 3. (Original): A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-methylene thiobenzyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 4. (Original): A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-cyano-3-(3'-ethoxy-4'-hydroxy-5'-methylene thiophenyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 5. (Original): A compound in accordance with claim I wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene (2'-thiobenzothiazole) phenyl) acrylamide.

6. (Original): A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene thiobenzyl phenyl) acrylamide.

- 7. (Original): A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene thiophenyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 8. (Original): A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-(methylene thioethyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 9. (Original): A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-(methylene thiopropyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 10. (Original) A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-(methylene thioethyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 11. (Original) A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-(methylene thiopropyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
 - 12. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the formula:

wherein

R₁ is H or C1 to C3 alkyl;

 R_2 is aryl or -(CH₂)_n- aryl and n is 1 to 4;

R₃ is H or CH₃; and

R₄ is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, pyridyl, thiophene, furan, indole, pyrrole, thiazole or imidazole

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 comprising a compound of formula 1, wherein

R₁ is H, methyl or ethyl;

R₂ is phenyl, benzyl, -(CH₂)₂-phenyl, -(CH₂)₃-phenyl or 2-thiobenzothiazole;

R₃ is H; and

R₄ is phenyl.

- 14. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-methylene thiobenzyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 15. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3'-ethoxy-4'-hydroxy-5'-methylene thiophenyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 16. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene (2'-thiobenzothiazole) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 17. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene thiobenzyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 18. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene thiophenyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 19. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-(methylene thioethyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.

20. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-(methylene thiopropyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.

- 21. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-(methylene thioethyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 22. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition in accordance with claim 12 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-(methylene thiopropyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 23. (Original) A method for treating a neoplastic disorder in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of the formula:

wherein

R₁ is H or C1 to C3 alkyl;

 R_2 is aryl or -(CH₂)_n- aryl and n is 1 to 4;

R₃ is H or CH₃; and

R₄ is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, pyridyl, thiophene, furan, indole, pyrrole, thiazole or imidazole.

24. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula 1 wherein

 R_1 is H, methyl or ethyl;

 R_2 is phenyl, benzyl, -(CH₂)₂-phenyl, -(CH₂)₃-phenyl or 2-thiobenzothiazole; R_3 is H; and R_4 is phenyl.

- 25. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-methylene thiobenzyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 26. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3'-ethoxy-4'-hydroxy-5'-methylene thiophenyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 27. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene (2'-thiobenzothiazole) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 28. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene thiobenzyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 29. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-methylene thiophenyl phenyl) acrylamide.
- 30. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-(methylene thioethyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 31. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(4'-hydroxy-3'-methoxy-5'-(methylene thiopropyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 32. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-(methylene thioethyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.
- 33. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the compound is N-benzyl-2-cyano-3-(3',4'-dihydroxy-5'-(methylene thiopropyl phenyl) phenyl) acrylamide.

34. (Previously amended): A method in accordance with claim 23 wherein the neoplastic disorder is a lymphoma, a leukemia or a metastatic carcinoma.

- 35. (Previously amended): A method in accordance with claim 34 wherein the neoplastic disorder is Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.
- 36. (Previously amended): A method for treating a cell proliferative disorder in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound in accordance with claim 1.
- 37. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 36 wherein the cell proliferative disorder is selected from the group consisting of an inflammatory disorder, an allergic disorder, an autoimmune disease or graft rejection.